



Proclamation

Presented to

Valentine Ching, Jr.

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. has served as an artist, craftsman, and cultural advisor for the Hawaiian Charter schools; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. is an acclaimed pioneer of the *paipo* board and renowned Hawaiian craftsman and cultural advisor committed to enriching communities through educating individuals Hawaiian culture including farming, craftsmanship and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. was instrumental in developing modern day surfing by promoting stand-up *paipo* boarding and encouraging innovative board designs; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. participates in educational outreach efforts, teaching the nearly lost Hawaiian traditions of making *kapa* and *ipu wai*; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. works closely with ethno-botanist, Don Cooke, to build taro farms and educate communities on the process of cultivating taro and making *poi*; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. is committed to preserving Native Hawaiian marine life by practicing and encouraging Hawaiian-based sustainable fishing techniques; and

WHEREAS, Valentine Ching, Jr. will be recognized as 2011 Duke's Waikiki Ho'okahiko recipient on Saturday, June 25, 2011 for exemplifying the finest traditions of Hawai'i:

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2011, as

"VALENTINE CHING, JR. DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the significant contributions Valentine Ching, Jr. has made to the preservation of Hawaiian tradition, heritage, and culture.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of May, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE

Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i